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I LOVE TEXAS

Texas occupies all of the continental of North America except a small part set aside for the United States, Canada and Mexico. Texas owns the north half of the Rio Grande, one of the few rivers in the world with one bank wet and the other dry. Texas is bounded on the north by 25 or 30 states, on the east by all the oceans except the Pacific, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and South America, and on the west by the Pacific ocean and the rest of the world.

Texas is so big that the people in Brownsville call the Dallas people "Yankees" and the citizens of El Paso speak of the residents of Texarkana as being "effete easterners". It is further from El Paso to Texarkana than it is from Chicago to New York, and Texarkana is closer to Milwaukee by airline than it is to El Paso. The United States with Texas left out would look like a three legged Boston Terrier.

At one time Texas was so wild that not even the law of gravitation was obeyed, and the chief pursuit of the Texans were Indians and Mexicans, but now it is crop records and oil production. It is so healthful in Texas that out in Eastland a horned frog lived 30 years sealed in a cornerstone without food, air or water.

To move the Texas corn crop it would take a string of box cars longer than the distance between New York and San Francisco. If the 1,500,000 tons of sulphur mined in Texas annually were in the hands of Satanic Majesty, they would solve his fuel problem. If all the cotton grown in Texas were baled and built into a stairway, it would reach to the Pearly Gates. If all the Hogs in Texas were one hog, he could dig the Panama Canal in three roots and one grunt. If all the Texas steers were one steer, he could stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico and his hind feet in Hudson Bay, with his horns punching holes in the moon, and with his tail brushing the mists off the Aurora Borealis.

TEXAS BRAGS

In making his proclamation of AMERICAN MADE RUBBER DAY, Governor Stevenson of Texas said, "This year Texas adds one more great contribution to it's war record. This year, all over Texas, plants will begin to turn out American Rubber, made from Texas oil. Our state will lead all the Nation in rubber production."

It is claimed, that about 3/4ths of the nation's tires will be produced in the state of Texas. Houstonians and all south Texans are proud of this fact and hail with rejoicing the coming of the synthetic rubber plants. Goodrich, Firestone, Goodyear, General and all names that are a watchword to rubber, pay tribute to Texas.

(Editor's Note: Since publishing the poem, "A Yankee's Lament", in last week's Paper, we have been deluged with all kinds of articles, poems and etc. in defense of the great state of Texas. We offer this front page in the hope that it will salve the ego of all loyal Texans in our midst. Other items will be printed in subsequent issues. Thanks a lot Texans, for the contributions.)

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SALTY (S)LANGUAGE

Sis is going with a sailor!
For awhile this did'nt phase us,
Now the family's talk is filled,
With sailor's salty phrases.

At first we could'nt seem
To understand his speech,
Since lingo on the high seas
Is'nt like that "on the beach."

For when we mention victuals,
He calls it "chow", not food;
And always "stows it down the hatch"
(My grandma calls t is crude.)

His dinner conversation
Is run like other boys',
Except for calling lettuce "grass",
And celery just plain "noise".

His salty talk is "seasoned" well
And hard to understand;
He calls canned milk, "iron Cow,"
And sugar he calls "sand."

His many names for coffee
Are certainly a joke.
He calls it everything from "mud"
To "joe" and just "jamoke."

The spinach he calls "popeye;"
And my, how grandma squirms
When he asks for the spaghetti
By saying, "pass the worms."

Chicken to him is "sea gull;"
The catsup is "red lead."
The waffles are "collision mats;"
While "punk" is mother's bread.

Fried fish is "pedro pork chops;"
"Sea dust" his name for salt;
When he calls the pepper "fly speck,"
Ma nearly calls a halt.

If he sits beside my father
And needs more elbow room,
He turns to dad and says, "Say mate,"
"Rig in your starboard boom."

We have finally become attuned,
And now we're salty too.
We say "six bells" for three oclock,
And bid farewell "snafu."

When ma goes to the city,
Or runs down to the store,
We never say she "went to town,"
But instead, "She's gone ashore."

Sister calls the floor a "deck,"
To hear her talk is sport;
A roof is now an "overhead,"
And a window is a "port."

When everything is "all fouled up"
And the bright never comes,
Dad complains and ma retorts:
"Now pa, don't beat your gums."

Dad doesInt tie his tie these days,
Instead, he "bends it on."
Grandma says the folks "shoved off,"
In place of they have gone.

We say Dad's suit is "shipshape"
If it's looking fine on him.
If it's not so neat, we say,
That "lash-up's not so trim."

When pappy goes to work these days
We say he's "turning to,"
While mother "swabs" and never scrubs
As once she used to do.

The whole house has gone salty,
Which brings it's share of trouble,
I hear my mother calling now,
"Come here, Ted, on the double."

So "I'll knock off" this "breeze,"
And switch the salt to "pure."
I'll "batten my hatch", "close my port,"
"Cease firing" and "secure."

Though I talk just like a sailor
I still retain the notion
That I have not contracted "salt."
It's ALL still in the ocean!

(contributed)

HEADQUARTERS

Imagine the explosion L. W. Cothron caused when, after reading last week's poem about Texas, in front of a couple of Texans, he added the bollowing byline - "Lookie Hyaa, this poem was even printed in a Texas newspaper. Oh well, why should'nt they print it? They know it is the truth." (He was last seen taking off on the double in the general direction of Home Island.)

COULD THIS BE US? Hot cakes two or three times this week. Friday and no "Rip Larch," Pay day, A good shell tide and for breakfast eggs sunny side up. Nice going to everyone concerned. Power to you.

W. E. Lontgorery, cox of headquarters company, and ace story teller now with the unit up yonder has made quite a name for himself as a fisherman. P.S. They say he uses a spear

Our compliments to Clinton, Staab, Culver and Dillard for those sunny side up eggs this last week. They tasted just like home to most of us.

The cooks say that given fresh eggs (not over nine months old)they can do a good job. Eggs not quite so fresh (for example, say two years old) are just a little hard to handle.

(This reporters first compliment on his work)"You damned old blankety blank. I have a darned good notion to kick your (word censored) head off." (Aw, come on Scotty, have a heart.)

COMPANY A

Rusty hughes predicts that the war will be over by Christmas. This will no doubt relieve your minds and now you can start making plans for the future.

It is a tough break for this outfit and company A to lose two more mighty good men: Dave Allen and Chief John Stradling. "Big John" Stradling will be particularly hard to replace, as a man who can perform the duties of CMAA efficiently and still be well liked by all is a rarity. So good luck and aloha to "Big John" and Dave, as the natives would say, if there were any here.

Why is Prestidge always fighting to get on that day shift when the boats come in ? Anyone wishing to trade - see him at Hut # 29.

Maybe the Rock won't affect a fellow but when Domby misses a chicken dinner to hunt shells - I doubt it.

If you are planning on having your whites altered, it's a good idea to have them washed first - says Tailor Benge.

I heard one of the boys ask another if he had change for a "cat-eye."

COMPANY D

Brudders and sisters (if there only were a few) your new reporter is on the job. The choicest bits of news will be coming to you regularly from now on.

The entertainment spot for the Seabee area is in front of Hut 2. Ther you will be hilariously entertained by Messrs. Mashburn, Johnson, Harris and Hessler. You would never believe that a game of dominoes could produce such comic situations. But it mars their play. Mr Hessler has been beaten so often that he has threatened to take his dominoes (they really are his) and quit. Let him win, fellows.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ----------

O. O. (double noyhing) Lipps, CMic of company D hails from Colorado City Texas and has followed the plaster trade for 18 years.

Jodie M. Fields, WTlc, comes from Poteau Oklahoma whre he was a construction foreman for the Flora County Gas and Electric Company. Jodie challenges all comers for attendance at the picture shows. He sees at least one show every night.

L. C. Johnson, CMic, is a Norman Oklahoma boy where he owned and operated a cabinet shop.

DIVINE SERVICES

Every Sunday
(Protestant)

0900 ----------Menge Theater
1100 ----------Cooper Chapel

(Catholic Devotions)
0900 ---------- CB Reading Room

RAMBLINGS

We wonder if there is a spare water cooler some place that could be placed in the Seabee area..... It would really be swell..... Scuttlebutt is rank again now.... Space does not permit mentioning the many new items.....W. T. Kimery is the new company D reporter.....Lots of luck to Chief Stradling and Dave Allen as they shove off for duty elsewhere..... It is rumored that Jimmy Lowry is getting "Lever Happy."..... .....

The tombstone of a genial host bears his name and the simple epitaph: "This is on me."

BUY WAR BONDS

SPORTS
By
R. H. Busby

Last Thursday evening a small group of men gathered in the a signment office and if you could have been there and not been seen you might have thought that they were horse traders. "If you have anything good to swap I'm ready to talk business", and such remarks were hear all evening. The reason for all this was the manager's meeting of the base ball league and the arrangement of the second round of play. If you have been out to any of the games already played you have probably seen the results of the "draft" and the trades that went on thetevening. The second round of the league got under way on Sunday and after the first three games it looks like a real race for top honors this time.

In the game played Sunday the Equipment team and the Hospital played a very interesting ball game with the winner being Equipment by a score of 7 to 5. This was one of the best games seen on the local diamond in some time, each team made two errors, the Hospital got 10 hits while the Equipment got eight safe blows. Outstanding at the plate and with his always great play in the field was Rutherford for the Hospital with his four for four hitting. Cryder (Cotton to you) hit three for four also for the Hospital, while that old dependable catcher for the Equipment team, Blanton, and that firey red head manager Mr. Alban both collected two for three. It was really a nice ball game and Hewett and Mc Lavy the two pitchers deserve a lot of credit for their fine work on the mound.

On Monday evening the Scrubs and Guns mixed it in what started out to be a very one sided affair and ended with both temms playing a mighty fine game. The seven run lead scored by the Guns in the first and second innings proved to be just that much to much before the Scrubs could get going - once they did get going the scoring for the Guns was all over but the Scrubs were unable to score too. Forbes, pitching for the Guns, allowed only two hits, while his teammates were collecting seven. Ward behind the plate for the Guns (picked up in the draft) really looked good in there and his one for two hitting didn't hurt the Guns either. Glanton and Seale were the only two on the Scrub team to hit safely while Goolsby for the Guns was the outstanding hitter of the game with three safe hits for three times at the plate. The final on this one was 7 to 0 in favor of the Guns.

On Tuesday evening the Aces and the Hospital teams played. There was little doubt of the xoutcome of this game after the first inning because a Hospital team that made up its mind that it had lost the last game it was going to loose went on the field and hit the ball for eighteen safe hits and twelve runs. Even though allowing five hits and a walk and with his team making three errors Manager Hewett and his gang were still able to keep the aces from scoring. This was not one of those cases of one bad inning that the Aces have experienced so often but a case of seven bad innings because the Hospital gang was hitting the ball and hitting where the Aces were not. ~~Failing~~ Failing to collect a base hit the first time up Rutherford came back to get three for four for the game, making his total seven for eight for the two games he has played in this round and that is better than fair in any league. All indications are that this round will give all the fans all the ball they wa to see and a good brand of it too.

I wasn't able to find out much about the ping pong tournament to be, yet but I am sure that this will be worked out in the near future so all those interested had better be ready. The call for this may come with a very short notice.

The interest in boxing seems to be picking up again in the ring here in the area. Unless I miss my guess Johnie Mickleburgh is going to give some one a lot of unexpected punches in his next fight, when ever that mcomes up. I watched Mick work out the other evening and he whows a great deal of improvement - those of you have seen him fight before know what a lot of trouble he can dish out and with improvement that will be just that much more for someone to worry about.

Ball games are on every evening somm come on out and see some good games. You can make the show at Cooper after the game too if you hurry.